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In the Application of: ULRICH SPEER ET AL

Ser.No.: 10/018,250

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: Apparatus and Method for Coating an Optically Readable Data Carrier

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.497(d), applicants hereby request that the declaration submitted on 03 April 2002 be accepted. As required by 37 CFR 1.497(d), enclosed are (1) a statement from three of the four additional inventors being added as an inventor, that any error in inventorship in the International application occurred without deceptive intention on his/her part (we will forward the statement from James Wise, the other additional inventor, upon receipt), (2) the processing fee set forth in the Section §1.17(i), and, (3) the written consent of the Assignee.

Also enclosed is a request for a three-month extension of time, as well as the

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appropriate fee.

Applicants believe that all requirements under 35 USC 371 have now been met.

Respectfully Submitted,

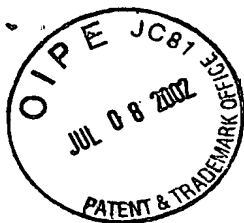
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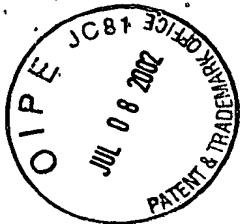
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STATEMENT BY ADDED INVENTOR

I, Björn Liedtke, am a co-inventor in the above-identified application. Any error in inventor-ship in the International application occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

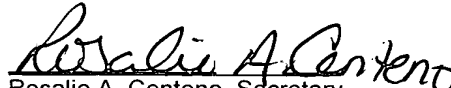
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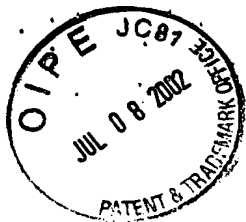
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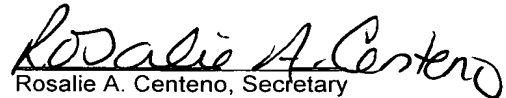
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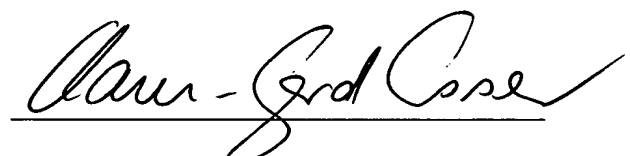
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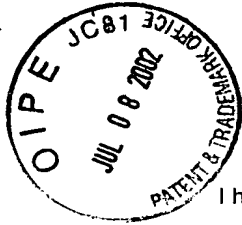
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I, Hans-Gerd Esser, am a co-inventor in the above-identified application. Any error in inventor-ship in the International application occurred without deceptive intention on my part.


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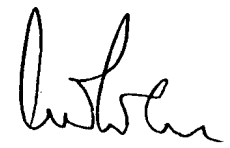
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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

I, Stephan Mohren, am authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee of the above-identified application, namely Steag HamaTech AG. On behalf of the Assignee, I hereby consent to the addition of Björn Liedtke, Joachim Gordt, James Wise, and Hans-Gerd Esser, to be listed as inventors in addition to Ulrich Speer of the above-identified application.


Dr. Stephan Mohren